



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL Agenda Highlights for May 11, 2009

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MAINTAINING SAFE, STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS: As the next step in the city's long-term, three-part plan to address the \$120 million structural imbalance in the general operating fund, City Council will adopt *resolution 0056X-2009* to submit an August 4, 2009 income tax proposal for voter approval. The proposed one-half percent increase is an integral component of the city's strategic approach to sustain the quality of life in Columbus through new jobs, government reforms, and new revenue. It is important to note that the proposed revenue enhancement will not be used to expand services, but will allow the city to maintain the current level of service residents have come to expect.

PROMOTING SAFE WATERWAYS: Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring legislation that will allow the Columbus Division of Police to patrol local water ways during peak seasonal use by the public. *Ordinance 0636-2009* authorizes the Division of Police to accept a grant award in the amount of \$23,953.22 to pay certain costs for the 2009 Marine Patrol unit. An appropriation of these funds is needed for sworn personnel overtime costs for the operation of a Marine Patrol Program according to the agreement.

RACE FOR THE CURE: Thousands of people will soon take to Columbus streets to help battle breast cancer at the *2009 Komen Race for the Cure* on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. President Pro Tem [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0061X-2009* to honor the thousands of runners, walkers and volunteers who will be giving their time and resources to find a cure. The 17th annual event raises money for breast cancer research. In 2008, approximately 40,000 walkers and runners raised \$2 million for the cause. Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer (other than skin cancer) in women.

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS: Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is allocating \$1.5 billion to communities to help families facing homelessness due to the current economic crisis. Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0671-2009* to contract with the Community Shelter Board to manage the \$2,642,649 in funding received from HUD to the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). This funding requires that Columbus submit an HPRP application to HUD and make a substantial amendment to the city's Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan.

SUPPORTING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING: The *Capital Kids* program provides Columbus City School students from low- and moderate-income families with after-school programming that promotes a sense of self-worth, academic ability, and community responsibility in Columbus youth. Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0553-2009* to authorize the expenditure of \$79,500 to continue funding the program. *Capital Kids* programming provides academic assistance, enrichment activities, prevention units, recreational activities, socialization, strong family involvement, and nutritional food services.

MILLER PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES: The city's geographic information system (GIS) provides critical technology services for several business applications. Administration Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0606-2009* to renew the annual support and maintenance agreement for upgrades and support services associated with GIS. Some of the programs that incorporate GIS include several web-based applications utilized by city residents and employees, crime mapping, capital improvement project maps, zoning map applications, and city-wide desktop software used for data maintenance and analysis.

PROTECTING AGAINST POLLUTION: Utilities Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring legislation to buttress current embankments and add internal baffle embankments in an important lagoon at the Hap Cremean Water Plant. *Ordinance 0532-2009* will authorize a \$2,019,455.68 contract to implement the improvements. These improvements, along with the sludge removal under a previous contract, will allow the city to re-open the lagoon for service. Use of the lagoon will provide additional water storage for emergency situations due to loss of pumping capabilities and allow for replacement of portions of the sludge line that extends from the water plant to the McKinley Quarry. External embankment repair along Big Walnut Creek will ensure public health and safety by preventing sludge from entering Big Walnut Creek if an embankment failure were to occur.

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